

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sweeney, Members Sorensen, Segobiano, Renner, Hoselton, Nuckolls, Gordon and Bostic

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Other Members Present: Member Butler

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes from the March 13, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to approve and place on file the minutes of the March 13, 2007 Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented the Reappointments, Appointments, and the Resignations and/or Term Expirations to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Renner/Gordon to Recommend Approval of the Reappointments, Appointments, and the Resignations and/or Term Expirations as recommended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services presented a request for approval to purchase Personal Computers through Intergovernmental Purchasing. He explained that each year personal computers are purchased to replace computers that are going bad or are outdated. Mr. Nelson stated that he is requesting that 32 machines be purchased.

Mr. Hoselton asked what happens with the existing computers being replaced. Mr. Nelson responded that some are placed in offices where computer use is not as intense as in other offices. He added that computers that cannot be used again are taken to the Town of Normal by Facilities Management for recycling. Mr. Hoselton asked what is the recycling process. Mr. Zeunik explained that, through the County Solid Waste Management Fund, there is a contract with the Ecology Action Center. The Ecology Action Center works with the Town of Normal to operate an electronics recycling program. Any type of electronic equipment can be dropped off at the Town of Normal's Public Works Facility where it will be picked up by a company that recycles the material in computers or other electronic equipment.

Mr. Hoselton asked if schools can use these recycled computers. Mr. Nelson replied that he believes that is one of the end products of the recycling program. Mr. Sorensen advised that State Farm has an aggressive donation program, where they donate used machines to schools and non-profit organizations.

Motion by Hoselton/Renner to Recommend Approval
of the Request to Purchase Personal Computers
through the State's Intergovernmental Purchasing
Contract.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney announced that on Tuesday, April 17th, the vacancy in the County Board District 5 will be declared. On that date, applications and resumes will be accepted by the County Board Office until 12:00 noon on May 3rd. Chairman Sweeney stated that on May 8th, at the Executive Committee Meeting, all of the candidates will be invited to talk for five minutes to indicate why they would like to be on the County Board. On May 15th, a recommendation will be made to fill the vacancy with the advice and consent of the Board.

Mr. Segobiano asked if the Board members will receive a copy of the applicants' resumes. Chairman Sweeney replied that the resumes and letters will be provided to the Board members. He noted that there are currently four candidates that have indicated they are interested in applying for the position.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Vice Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee reported that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

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Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, reported that the Property Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Bostic.

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Vice Chairman, Transportation Committee, reported that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. He noted that there are several items to be presented to the Board.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman, Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee brings three items for action to the Executive Committee. He presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2007 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Collector’s Automation Fund 0168, County Treasurer 0004, Financial Management 0004 – Treasurer’s Office.

Motion by Sorensen/Renner to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2007 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Collector’s Automation Fund 0168, County Treasurer 0004, Financial Management 0004 – Treasurer’s Office.

Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen reviewed a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2007 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0107 – AIDS/Communicable Disease Program – for an NACCHO Medical Reserve Corps Training Grant – Health Department.

Motion by Sorensen/Gordon to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2007 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0107 – AIDS/Communicable Disease Program – for an NACCHO Medical Reserve Corps Training Grant – Health Department.

Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen presented a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2007 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0112-0061-0065 – Animal Control Program – to purchase a new vehicle – Health Department.

Motion by Sorensen/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2007 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0112-0061-0065 – Animal Control Program – to Purchase a New Vehicle – Health Department.
Motion carried.

Mr. Segobiano expressed concern with amending the Adopted Budget for expensive equipment and vehicles so soon after the Budget had been approved. He referred back to the request for a \$50,000.00 truck for EMA that the Executive Committee sent back to the Justice Committee. He recommended that the Department Heads be discouraged from making these large appropriation requests. Mr. Sorensen agreed with his concerns. He noted that the Finance Committee understands that the County's Fiscal Year does not run at the same time as the State's fiscal year, so grant programs become available at different times. Mr. Sorensen applauded the Health Department staff for finding grant opportunities at all times of the year. He advised that the Treasurer's Office had an equipment failure necessitating the need for new high-speed printers to be used during the property tax payment cycle. Mr. Sorensen further explained that the Animal Control vehicle had a transmission failure, again, making it mandatory that a new vehicle be purchased. He also noted that the funds used to purchase the new vehicle are not new funds, but funds from unused fees within the Health Department.

Chairman Sweeney advised that the request from EMA for a \$50,000.00 vehicle was referred to the 2008 budget for review.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Sorensen.

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee, reported that the Justice Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee, namely a request for approval of a Master Contract for Lease of Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center with Ford County – Court Services.

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Motion by Renner/Nuckolls to recommend approval of a Master Contract for Lease of Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center with Ford County – Court Services.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Renner.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator indicated that he had nothing to present to the Committee, but he would be happy to answer any questions. There were none.

Chairman Sweeney presented the March 31, 2007 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Prepaid Total is \$302,283.42 and the fund total is the same.

Motion by Bostic/Gordon to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for March 31, 2007 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary